

VETBrief

ARIZONA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Arizona District Office will be hosting the upcoming events. For specific information, contact James Pipper, Veterans Business Development Officer at 602.745.7230 or fax: 602.745.7210.

Veterans Business Resource Seminar	
September 23, 2004	Kingman
October 19, 2004	Sierra Vista
November 9, 2004	Tucson
January 18, 2005	Yuma
February 22, 2005	Phoenix
March 15, 2005	Lake Havasu City
April 18, 2005	Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside
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June 16, 2005	Phoenix

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FREE!!!

Veteran Workshop

Presented by

U. S. Small Business Administration

Los Angeles District Office

&

Department of Military & Veteran Affairs

Los Angeles County Office

Saturday, October 23, 2004

8:30 A.M. Registration & Refreshments

9 A.M. to Noon

**Patriotic Hall Auditorium
1816 S. Figueroa Los Angeles
(Between Venice & Washington)**

How to Start a Small Business

Topics to Include

**SBA & Lender Requirements
PRO-Net, 8a Certification & Government Contracting
How to Clean Up Your Credit Report
SCORE & SBDC Programs
Micro-Loan Program
Buying a Franchise**

**Questions or to Register
Barbara Madel, SBA Economic Development Specialist
818-552-3314**

Refreshments Furnished by Local Lender

DALLAS DISTRICT OFFICE



Veterans Information Fair

Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Medical Center

North Texas VA Health Care System

4500 South Lancaster Road

Dallas, Texas 75216



SCI Multipurpose Room

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Featured Organizations:

VA North Texas Health Care System

U.S. Small Business Administration

Texas Veterans Land Board

Dallas County Veterans Services

Social Security Administration

Dallas Vet Center

Minority Business Development

Agency

Texas Workforce Commission

Disabled American Veterans

U. S. Treasury - IRS

1st International Bank

Millennium Bank

American G.I. Forum

Center for Government Contracting

SBDC

**Department of Housing and Urban
Development**

University of North Texas

Counseling and information will be available to veterans and non-veterans regarding: business loans business counseling, government subcontracting assistance, housing assistance, home improvement loans, land sales, insurance, Social Security benefits, wage claims, economic development, educational assistance, health care, VA benefits, as well as other benefits and services.

**For more information, call Bill Medina, Veterans Affairs Officer, at
(817) 684-5517 or fax (817) 684-5516**

SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI DISTRICT OFFICE

VETRANS JOB FAIR

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI

OCTOBER 5, 2004

TIME: 9:00 TO 3:00

COST: \$50 PER TABLE, No other costs are involved

ATTENDEES

M. BRENT JONES
Economic Development Specialist
LAKE OF THE OZARKS SCORE CHAPTER 493
HAROLD HUDSON AND KEN SCHEAFFER

FEDERAL AGENCIES

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA)

Defense Phone Card Program Goes Public

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Military Phone Card Donation Program Goes Public

The Department of Defense announced today that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. __ The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help service members call home from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service <http://aafes.com/> [<https://www.aafes.com/>] , the Navy Exchange Service Command <http://www.navy-nex.com> [<http://www.navy-nex.com>], and the Marine Corps Exchange <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> [<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/>] . Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships -- anywhere service members are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of these locations stay busy around the clock to keep up communication between deployed troops and their loved ones. The cards available through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

Individuals and organizations also can show their support to deployed troops and their families with gift certificates. The "Gift of Groceries" program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at <http://www.cinnassarues.com> [<http://www.commissaries.com/>] or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the "Gift From the Home-front" gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange web sites: <http://www.aafes.com> and <http://www.navy-nex.com> or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. Gift certificates may be purchased to be mailed to service members and family members or will be distributed to "any service member." Only authorized commissary and exchange patrons may redeem the gift certificates at military commissaries and exchanges, including those stores supporting deployed personnel around the globe.

Other Veteran Events

HBCU/MSI Business Programs

Veteran and Service-Disabled Veterans are the key Federal topic at the September 13-15, 2004 New Realities Program at Jackson State University.

For additional information contact Dr, Mary White at mary.m.white@isumu.edu.

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